

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership

Date: April 9, 2010

Time: 7:00-9:00 am

Members Present: Judy Coover, Dave Elliott, Bob Ewing, Michael Goldsmith, Nancy Hinthorne, Jim Hughes, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Carmen Moore

Excused Absentees: Geri Fain, Renee Klein, Jane Voget

Absent: Kevin Fitz

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager Office

Guests: Mayor Joan McGilton; Steve Gilbert, Executive Director, Discover Burien

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Judy Coover, Chair.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March 12, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Chair's Report

- Judy thanked the members of the Annexation Subcommittee who put together a position paper and delivered it to Council on behalf of the BEDP.
- Judy had the opportunity to attend a meeting with City Manager Martin and Mayor McGilton with Bill Bryant and Tom Albright, Port of Seattle Commissioners, who were interested in hearing about what Burien wants and needs. Judy acknowledged the mayor and city manager because she thought they did an excellent job at articulating what's best for Burien. Mike explained how Burien has taken a financial hit for a regional facility that accords very little benefit to us, but much benefit for others. He explained that we would like some help getting "whole again" from the damages we incurred.
- Members discussed whether to have speakers at future meetings. Consensus is that Dick will run potential speakers by the Chair to gauge how much time will be allotted them during a particular meeting. The intent is to make sure BEDP members have plenty of discussion time around issues now that meetings are once per month.

City Manager Report

Mike reported that the Parks Department is moving the Community Center over this weekend; it will be open for business next Tuesday at the old Library building. The City is spending much time and effort working on the Shoreline Master Program. We are trying to finalize the Interlocal Agreement with King County to complete the transfer of governance for the North Highline annexation area. New police are being hired; the permitting process is in place. The census that was required by the state as part of the annexation has data showing that we have approximately 15,000 new residents; we are now close to 50,000 total.

Animal control will be a hot issue in the near future. Mike will be talking with Council about an asphalt program to maintain the roads we have.

We will have a new attorney beginning on April 19th, Craig Knutson. Finance Director Tabatha Miller will be going to Alderwood Water District.

Economic Manager Report

Since the last meeting, we put our ambassadors to work again. Judy Coover, Steve Gilbert and Mark Minium all have been working with a potential car dealership to help them decide whether to come to Burien. We're now in a position of "wait and see."

Theater deal is back in the limelight. We expect the permit process to begin in a couple of weeks on the TOD, according to developer, which gets the theater project back on track. The next step is Urban Partners bringing a deal to Council to consider. Dick opened up the topic for conversation. There was no opposition to the theater project noted.

No change in the status of Phase I. The developer is still waiting for a change in the status of loan.

Discover Burien Report—Steve Gilbert

We are busy promoting Clean Sweep. It will be in the Highline Times. We have been asked to provide a "new business list" to the B-Town Blog on a monthly basis. We are looking for new Board members and are having lots of good response. We are trying to target some Latino businesses to have a better working relationship with this community.

Q. Have you reached out to North Highline businesses yet for new board members? **A.** We will do that. Carmen suggested that Discover Burien sponsor a "state of the city" address.

Annexation Subcommittee

Doug and Bob reported out on their presentation to Council regarding the BEDP's position on the possible annexation of Area "X." There will be a few minor changes made to the position statement presented to Council and the "official" document will be kept on file.

Members decided to keep the Annexation Subcommittee active and continue to meet.

Doug made a motion that the group approve the position paper of the subcommittee. Bob suggested that instead the "members agree that they'll use the BEDP position paper going forward which will organize the work of the subcommittee." This motion was seconded by Nancy Hinthorne. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McGilton asked the BEDP to use care in the language they choose when finalizing their statement.

Doug would like some standard analytical measures so they feel more confident in the numbers they look at.

Round the Table

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.